

During her recent trip to Venezuela, Peggie and her team worked tirelessly to provide reconstructive surgery to children with cleft palates. Fueled by their intense desire to help, the team performed surgeries for 11 straight days. Each morning, they began work at dawn and continued late into the night. Those who received the surgery were eternally grateful and truly had their lives enhanced by the selfless dedication of the volunteer medical professionals.

Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to rise and pay tribute to Peggie Ford. It is truly a remarkable person that is willing to spend their vacation time to travel across the world to employ their talents for the betterment of others. Peggie is the embodiment of all that makes this country great and it is my honor to rise and pay tribute to her selfless contributions.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ELTON GALLEGLY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 3, 2004

Mr. GALLEGLY. Mr. Speaker, on Tuesday, January 27, I was unable to vote on the motion to suspend the rules and pass, as amended, H.R. 1385, to extend the provision of Title 39, United States Code, under which the United States Postal Service is authorized to issue a special postage stamp to benefit breast cancer research (roll call vote 6); and on the motion to suspend the rules and pass, as amended, H.R. 3493, the Medical Devices Technical Corrections Act (roll call vote 7). Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on both measures.

Similarly, Mr. Speaker, on Wednesday, January 28, I was unable to vote on the Baldwin substitute amendment to S. 1920 (roll call vote 8); and on the motion to recommit with instructions the bill S. 1920 (roll call vote 9). Had I

been present, I would have voted "no" on both measures. Further, Mr. Speaker, I was unable to vote on final passage of S. 1920, to extend for 6 months the period for which chapter 12 of Title 11 of the United States Code is reenacted (roll call vote 10). Had I been present, I would have voted "yea." And, finally, Mr. Speaker, I was unable to vote on the motion to instruct conferees on S. 1920 (roll call vote 11). Had I been present, I would have voted "nay."

PAYING TRIBUTE TO DON JOHNSON

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 3, 2004

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I rise before you today to pay tribute to the life of a remarkable life of a man from my district. Don Johnson from Aspen, Colorado passed away recently at the age of 68. Don was devoted to his wife and children, and will also be remembered for his commitment to the Aspen community.

Don will be remembered as a pioneer in the ski industry of Colorado. Throughout his 37 year career, it is estimated that he created and blazed more than 70 of the trails that skiers run every season. Don will also be remembered as a devoted husband who, with his wife Janet, raised four sons. Along with helping to raise his family, he also ran his mountain with skill and fortitude.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to rise before this body of Congress to pay tribute to the life of Don Johnson. Don was a husband, father, and friend to many who made a tremendous impact that will be felt for generations to come. The Aspen community, and State of Colorado, will truly miss Don. My heart goes

out to his loved ones during this difficult time of bereavement.

INTRODUCING THE FLU PREVENTION ACT OF 2004

HON. RAHM EMANUEL

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 3, 2004

Mr. EMANUEL. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to introduce the Flu Prevention Act of 2004 with my colleagues Mr. SHIMKUS, Ms. DEGETTE and Mr. ENGEL. This bill takes important steps to ensure that the widespread vaccine shortages of this flu season, which resulted in the deaths of 110 children will not occur in the future. The bill is an identical companion to bipartisan Senate legislation, introduced by Senators BAYH, CRAIG, LANDRIEU, and DURBIN.

This bill uses a multifaceted approach to ensure adequate flu vaccine supply and educate American families about the importance of the vaccine. It provides tax incentives for vaccine manufacturers to expand their production capacities. It also allows the Centers for Disease Control to share the financial risk of vaccine overproduction with vaccine manufacturers, so as to eliminate the current financial incentive to under-produce vaccine.

Additionally, the Flu Prevention Act provides funding for and requires CDC to implement a protocol if the flu reaches epidemic or pandemic levels. It establishes a public awareness campaign to provide education and outreach efforts on the importance of receiving the vaccine, which populations should receive the vaccine, and vaccine safety.

Mr. Speaker, I encourage my colleagues to support this legislation as a strong preventative measure to protect our nation's children from future flu outbreaks.